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Applicant: Jathan D. Edwards Confirmation No. 7896  
Serial No.: 09/730,246  
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Examiner: Martin J. Angebrannt  
Group Art Unit: 1756  
Docket No.: 53868US02  
Title: REVERSE OPTICAL MASTERING FOR DATA STORAGE DISKS

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## INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting the telephonic Examiner Interview of August 3, 2004. Examiner Martin Angebrannt, Applicant Jathan Edwards, and Applicant's representative Kelly Patrick Fitzgerald (Reg. No. 46,326) were involved in the telephonic Examiner Interview. Mr. Angebrannt, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Edwards discussed the pending claims and specifically discussed independent claim 36. Sugimoto (JP 01-023440) was also discussed.

In particular, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Angebrannt discussed the features of the claims relative to the prior art, and also discussed the purpose and advantages of the claimed invention. Mr. Angebrannt and Mr. Fitzgerald discussed possible amendments to the claims, including a possible clarification to the independent claims to specify that the laser spot is a "focused laser spot" to further distinguish Sugimoto (JP 01-023440). In addition, Mr. Angebrannt and Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a possible amendment to the claims to define track pitch. The Examiner indicated that such amendments would likely reduce the issues at hand, but that an additional search would need to be performed in order to determine whether such amendments would place

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the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner also proposed a possible amendment to limit the invention to the use of "positive photoresist." No formal agreement was reached.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 09-0069. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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